

BMA PROJECT PROFILE

San Antonio River Basin Plan for Nature-Based Park Resources

The *San Antonio River Basin Plan for Nature-Based Park Resources*, a project of the San Antonio River Authority, encompasses southern Bexar County, and all of Wilson, Karnes, and Goliad Counties. This planning project was designed to support local planning initiatives within each of the four counties while providing a framework for regional cooperation and partnerships among communities.

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This concept plan provides a guide for creating an interconnected system of parks, trails and natural areas and begins to establish a coordinated interjurisdictional plan for nature-based park resources within the San Antonio River Basin by setting forth a vision, a set of goals, and formulating overall strategies for funding and implementation.

BMA identified potential interconnected water and land-based recreational trail facilities together with implementation cost estimates. BMA developed the prototype prioritization matrix to be used by communities in subsequent planning. BMA also conducted stakeholder interviews and provided support for community input meetings.

One potential project that can be implemented either as a whole or in individual pieces is a Heritage Tourism bike trail with generally follows the existing Texas Independence Trail highway corridor, with both on- and off-road segments, linking all areas with the region including both towns and historical sites, thereby serving both local recreation and transportation needs.

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